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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 13, 2006 and concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination dated October 13, 2006. Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.